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I am informed that the Federal Communications Commission has asked for public comment concerning proposed rule changes regarding the prohibition of what amounts to monopoly ownership of media sources, known as "Broadcast Ownership Rules". These changes, if approved as proposed, would make sweeping changes in the rules, materially weakening them, which would then, allow giant media corporations to form, as monopolistic entities, and/or to allow the "already too large" media conglomerates to further extend their "strangle hold" on what the populace reads, sees, and hears.

This whole effort is something that should never have gotten this far! It would be an outrage to allow the media to further consolidate their power over the information that is furnished daily to the public. At present, the media has far too much invasive effect on the public's opinions on issues of the day, allowing only programming that suites their personal agendas, some of which are contrary to our Constitution, by the way! Even now we have what amounts to "brain-washing" by the media, despite the current rules of the Commission, making one wonder what has already gone amiss.

Please do not contribute to the further degradation of our system, by allowing the likes of AOL Time Warner, Viacom/CBS, Disney/ABC and others, to sway the Commission into acceptance of the proposed changes to the detriment of free men trying to exercise their rights under the First Amendment which may run contrary to the designs of the media monopoly(which would be allowed by the proposed rule changes).

Thank You for taking the time to review my reasoning as to why the proposed rule changes should not come to pass.

Yours Very Truly,

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Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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I am very concerned with your Commissions proposal to relax the current ownership rules protecting the public from monopolies in media ownership. I urge you to reject the proposed changes and seek ways to increase the range of community, political and social perspectives presented in the media.

The same media companies seeking these changes have poor track records of presenting a wide range of view. In fact quite the opposite is true. These companies have a track record of suppressing opposing or divergent views.

The public deserves to hear wide variety of views so that they may stay informed, promote democratic discourse, and seek the resolution of issue which best serve the preservation of freedom.

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Dear Mr. Powell & Commissioners:

I am writing you to share some thoughts and concerns about your proposed ownership rule changes regarding our national media. My personal biases are based on the fact that I am a business owner in Orange, County California, married 45 years and have 17 grandchildren. I have owned my consulting business for 23 years. My business provides national and international organizations with employee and executive job and career transition services when they are downsized, reorganized, merged, acquired laid-off or fired. It is call outplacement. These following thoughts reflect my experience in this service market over the past 20 years:

- 1. There is a substantial lose of middle-class jobs. With some exceptions these consolidations normally result in the loss of nearly all the middle management leadership and administrative positions. Companies consolidate these positions into their own corporate structures and release the people in the acquired company. Most of the people in these positions are in the middle class. Our middle class is shrinking. I have seen this happening over the past 20 years. We need business and social policy that strengthens and grows the middle class, not erodes it.
- 2. <u>Most of these consolidations are made for wealth building reasons of a few, not to improve service, performance or competition.</u> Our economy is built on a core of smaller individually owned companies. The number of entrepreneurial owned companies in our country is overwhelming. When these proposed rules are put into place, few, if any in the future, will be able to raise the vast amounts of capital required to enter into future competitive business. In my view, competition will only be improved when the actions we take stimulate competition, not reduce the opportunities that these changes would do. These consolidations are a little like the "Oil for Food Program" in Iraq. Lots of wonderful social discussions and promises about how wonderful the program will be for the poor and needy, but the reality is that the leadership ends up being the only ones who benefit.

3. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The media's level of influence and power in our society is more than significant. No one company should have the ability to gain 45% of any market as a result of a government rule. Any new rule changes made are better directed at increasing competition, not reducing it. The recent scandal at the New York Times, regardless of what the real reason turns about to be, is an example of why we need more competition, not less. We would be far better served by directing the media companies to stay focused in their market niche. In Los Angeles, the people would be far better served if our TV station KTLA was not owned by the Los Angeles Times.

My 23 years of direct experience in the world of business tells me that the direction you are suggesting with these proposed rules changes are not in the best long-term interest of the economy or the people of our country. I hope you will rethink your current plans and move in the opposite direction.

Very sincerely

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Cc: D. Feinstein – Senator B. Boxer – Senator

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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell,

You will, undoubtedly, be receiving a large volume of postcards from well meaning but terribly mistaken NRA members urging you not to deregulate the broadcast media. I ask that you please disregard them and eliminate all government interference in the broadcast media. I am sure that I speak for a great number of NRA members when I say that if they could be shown that they are on the wrong side of this issue they would be embarrassed to be counted among the enemies of freedom. I have enclosed a copy of my letter sent to Wayne La Pierre for your reference.

Respectfully, I am,

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Dear Wayne La Pierre,

I have received your "media monopoly alert" mailing and am very disappointed with the position the officers of the NRA have taken on this issue. If the NRA is not willing to fight for all of our freedoms then it should probably stick to defending our right to bear arms. Antitrust law and federal regulation of the media is unconstitutional and immoral. It violates the right to property, freedom of association, and in this case, freedom of the press. In a free economy monopolies do not exist, the current deplorable state of the print and broadcast media is a result of the current "protections" you have chosen to defend. The cure is complete and total deregulation, i.e. freedom of the press and broadcast media. Antitrust and government interference creates not a level playing field but a crime scene. If the NRA does not repudiate the "media monopoly alert" campaign it can expect not to get another dime from me. If the NRA persists in the future with equally obscene campaigns it will lose a life member.

Respectfully, I am,

Thomas da Silva,

Life Member

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am very concerned with your Commissions proposal to relax the current ownership rules protecting the public from monopolies in media ownership. I urge you to reject the proposed changes and seek ways to increase the range of community, political and social perspectives presented in the media.

The same media companies seeking these changes have poor track records of presenting a wide range of view. In fact quite the opposite is true. These companies have a track record of suppressing opposing or divergent views.

The public deserves to hear wide variety of views so that they may stay informed, promote democratic discourse, and seek the resolution of issue which best serve the preservation of freedom.

I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have served the public well for decades and which have helped to ensure a health political debate in our country.

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Mr. Powell

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission will be considering a change to the current broadcast ownership rules. In addition, that the change would relax those rules and make it possible for a single company to gain monopoly ownership in a particular market.

In a society that lives by free and open communication it seems to me to be a step backward to allow a single organization to be the sole voice in a particular area. It is very important to have multiple points of view encouraged as it is only through good access to information that people can make well-informed decisions.

Please do what you can to keep the current ownership rules in place. They serve us well and changing them appears only to serve a small portion of our society.

Sincerely

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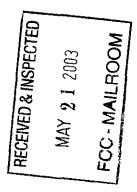
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Dear Mr. Powell & Commissioners:



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I am writing you to share some thoughts and concerns about your proposed ownership rule changes regarding our national media. My personal biases are based on the fact that I am a business owner in Orange, County California, married 45 years and have 17 grandchildren. I have owned my consulting business for 23 years. My business provides national and international organizations with employee and executive job and career transition services when they are downsized, reorganized, merged, acquired laid-off or fired. It is call outplacement. These following thoughts reflect my experience in this service market over the past 20 years:

- 1. There is a substantial lose of middle-class jobs. With some exceptions these consolidations normally result in the loss of nearly all the middle management leadership and administrative positions. Companies consolidate these positions into their own corporate structures and release the people in the acquired company. Most of the people in these positions are in the middle class. Our middle class is shrinking. I have seen this happening over the past 20 years. We need business and social policy that strengthens and grows the middle class, not erodes it.
- 2. <u>Most of these consolidations are made for wealth building reasons of a few, not to improve service, performance or competition.</u> Our economy is built on a core of smaller individually owned companies. The number of entrepreneurial owned companies in our country is overwhelming. When these proposed rules are put into place, few, if any in the future, will be able to raise the vast amounts of capital required to enter into future competitive business. In my view, competition will only be improved when the actions we take stimulate competition, not reduce the opportunities that these changes would do. These consolidations are a little like the "Oil for Food Program" in Iraq. Lots of wonderful social discussions and promises about how wonderful the program will be for the poor and needy, but the reality is that the leadership ends up being the only ones who benefit.

3. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The media's level of influence and power in our society is more than significant. No one company should have the ability to gain 45% of any market as a result of a government rule. Any new rule changes made are better directed at increasing competition, not reducing it. The recent scandal at the New York Times, regardless of what the real reason turns about to be, is an example of why we need more competition, not less. We would be far better served by directing the media companies to stay focused in their market niche. In Los Angeles, the people would be far better served if our TV station KTLA was not owned by the Los Angeles Times.

My 23 years of direct experience in the world of business tells me that the direction you are suggesting with these proposed rules changes are not in the best long-term interest of the economy or the people of our country. I hope you will rethink your current plans and move in the opposite direction.

Very sincerely

Cc: D. Feinstein – Senator

B. Boxer - Senator

C. Cox - Representative